

REMARKS:

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application; claims 18-38 and 40 are withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, and 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rohs et al, rejected claim 39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tamura et al, and objected to claims 3 and 5-9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but containing allowable subject matter.

In this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 2-3. Claim 5 has been amended to remove the limitation added to claim 1, from which it indirectly depends. Claims 2-3 and 18-40 have been canceled. No new matter was added.

The Examiner indicated that original claim 3 contained allowable subject matter. The subject matter of original claim 3 is now in amended claim 1, from which all other pending claims depend, either directly or indirectly. All currently pending claims are thus patentable over Rohs and Tamura.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0200).

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